

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2269 - SB 2202

March 4, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Updates state law to reflect change in federal law which raised the minimum age to purchase tobacco products, from 18 years of age to 21 years of age.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015990): Adds language to the original bill which requires any person under 21 years of age who directly or indirectly purchases smoking paraphernalia or attempts to purchase smoking paraphernalia using fake identification be subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate general sessions court rather than to juvenile proceedings.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- On December, 20, 2019, the President signed legislation amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and raised the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 years of age to 21 years of age.
- This change in federal law became effective immediately.
- This legislation updates state statute to reflect the change made at the federal level and will have no significant impact on state government.
- This language establishes that a person at least 18 years of age but under 21 years of age, who either directly or indirectly purchases smoking paraphernalia, or attempts to purchase smoking paraphernalia using fake identification be subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate general sessions court rather than to juvenile proceedings.
- Any change in court costs from one court of jurisdiction to another is estimated to have no significant impact on local court costs.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation does not prohibit the sale of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age; such prohibition is a result of the federal law. Therefore, any decrease in sales of tobacco products as a result of such purchasing age increase, cannot be attributed to this legislation.
- This legislation will necessitate businesses which offer tobacco products for sale needing to replace signage. It is assumed that the replacement is necessitated as a result of the federal law change. Therefore, any direct impact on business expenditures attributed to this legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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